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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN SHIPPING DISCRIMINATION

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- 1. I SPOKE BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT THE GUATEMALAN SHIPPING DISCRIMINATION ISSUE MARCH 28. IN A CALL ON PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ON OTHER BUSINESS IN THE MORNING, I INFORMED HIM OF THE FMC'S AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE ACTION UNTIL MAY 8 AND ADVISED HIM THAT THIS FINAL DEADLINE WAS FIRM. THE PRESIDENT THANKED ME FOR THIS INFORMATION AND NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT ON THEIR SIDE IN GOING TO THE CONGRESS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO HINT OF U.S. PRESSURE, WHICH WOULD DEFEAT THEIR PURPOSES. I SAID WE HAD APPRECIATED THIS HAD BEEN A FACTOR IN THEIR REASONING IN THE PAST BUT THAT IN ANY CASE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO WAIT BEYOND MAY 8.
- 2. I THEN CALLED ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OBIOLS, ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, AT 3 PM TO MAKE FULL PRESENTATION TO HIM BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL. OBIOLS SAID HE HAD HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS PROBLEM WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA PRIOR TO THE LATTER'S DEPARTURE AND WAS THEREFORE FAMILIAR WITH THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF THE SUBJECT AND WITH ITS COMPLEXITY. HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE PRESIDENT AND THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY OF THE POINTS I HAD MADE. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THIS BUT WITHOUT GOING INTO ALL THE DETAILS. OBIOLS THEN REITERATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POINT THAT MAY 8 WAS A DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND NOT MERELY FOR PROMISES TO IMPLEMENT.

3. BY COINCIDENCE, I AM HAVING A DINNER FOR MINISTER OF ECONOMY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 30 AND THIS WILL OFFER AN OCCASION TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH HIM INFORMALLY. BOSTER

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